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TWO NEW NOCTUIDS FROM FRENCH GUIANA

(*Lepidoptera, Noctuidæ*)

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Celiptera thericles, new species.

♀. Palpi brownish grey irrorated with white. Frons brown; vertex mottled pale bistre grey and brown; head behind dark brown. Collar dark brown mottled with bistre, edged with white behind. Body and wings pale bistre; thorax irrorated with white, the patagia crossed by a dark brown line; abdomen irrorated with white on basal segment otherwise with a few darker irrorations. Fore wings: a small dark brown spot on costa at base; a similar subbasal fascia to fold, divided by a fine white line; a fine white antemedial line, vertical, outbent below submedian, inwardly edged with dark brown, outwardly more broadly so edged, and cut by the pale veins; a black point as orbicular; reniform large, whitish, finely edged with pale brown, and containing a dark line; postmedial line pale olive brown, outcurved close to reniform, lunular beyond cell, incurved below reniform, outcurved above submedian, inangled on it, preceded by a fine parallel line from cell to inner margin, and followed by a narrow darker shade, and a white line beyond it from vein 3 to fold, outangled on vein 2; a fine whitish outer line, outbent and preceded by a rust streak on costa, deeply lunular to vein 6, thicker, reddish brown between 6 and 5, and followed by a black spot, below vein 6 straight to fold, and inangled on submedian, inwardly edged throughout by a fine brownish shade; a subterminal brown line from apex, close to outer line below vein 6, but straight to inner margin, followed by black points on veins; a dentate whitish grey marginal shade; a terminal yellow white line. Hind wings: a medial and two postmedial fuscous lines; a fine white outer line, inwardly edged with brown; terminal space fuscous grey; a darker subterminal line, followed by black

points; some marginal whitish shadings. Fore wings below: lower half shaded with fuscous grey; upper half brownish; a black spot on discocellular; a finely lunular postmedial line; a subterminal fuscous shade. Hind wings below yellowish white irrorated with brown; a dark discal point; traces of postmedial fine lines; a subterminal fuscous shade. Expanse, 42 mm.

Habitat: St. Jean, Maroni River, French Guiana.

Safia olearos, new species.

♂. Palpi black with a fine lateral white line. Head, collar, and thorax dark purplish brown. Abdomen above fuscous brown. Fore wings dark brown tinged with fuscous purple, except on termen; lines velvety black, fine; a faint outcurved subbasal line; antemedial line outangled at vein 2; a medial line outcurved near end of cell, genimate below cell, the inner line touching the antemedial at vein 2 and on inner margin; reniform faintly dark outlined with a white point in front and one behind; postmedial deeply outcurved beyond cell; a subterminal faint darker shade, outwardly edged with lighter brown, forming distinct black spots between veins 6 and 8; a fine marginal wavy line. Hind wings brown; medial, and double postmedial darker lines, the postmedial minutely dentate; an outer velvety black line; a subterminal paler brown line, dark edged, but not distinct; a marginal wavy black line. Wings below dull dark brown, faintly tinged with olive; an outer, fine, dark line on hind wings. Expanse, 33 mm.

Habitat: St. Jean, Maroni River, French Guiana.

THE SPECIES OF AFRIDA MÖSCHLER

(*Lepidoptera, Lithosiidæ*)

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Möschler (Abh. Senck. Ges., xiv, 30, 1886) describes the genus in the Lithosiidæ; Hampson (Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond., 244, 1898) places it in the Nolinæ, later (Cat. Lep. Phal. Brit. Mus., ii, 348, 1900) in the Lithosiinæ. Möschler says vein 7 of hind wing arises from 8; Hampson says and figures vein 8 from middle of cell. In all my specimens, vein 8 has only a short anastomosis with 7, not over the basal fourth of the cell. I therefore think the genus very doubtfully placed in the Lithosiidæ; I should rather think it a noctuid. However, without any knowledge of the early stages, there is no special object in changing its position at this time.